

Olis Davis's 1937 Ford V-8 coupe was hauled into a local garage Sunday afternoon after it had been badly damaged by fire on the Turnpike road about 5:30. No one was injured. Mr. Davis said the spout of the gas tank was lost and that gasoline splashed out of the tank at the rear and became ignited.

A. L. Owens, prominent farmer and former merchant here, left Sunday with Mrs. Owens for Hot Springs, Ark., where he will spend about six weeks taking treatment for rheumatic troubles, which have constantly bothered him for the past two or three years.

Neil Hester, telegraph editor of the News and Observer for 19 years, was frequently applauded by those attending the Lions Club banquet at the Country Club last Thursday night, when he read, in an impersonation of Governor Clyde R. Hoey, a humorous and satirical edition of the speech that Governor Hoey is to deliver when Elmer F. Andrews, national wage and hour law administrator, visits Raleigh Friday.

L. J. Meunier, sr., vice president of the Kieckhefer Container Corporation, with headquarters in Delair, N. J., is here for a few days on business at the North Carolina Pulp Company and is staying at the Plymouth Country Club.

M. E. Welty, a service man connected with the balloon squadron in the communications division at Pope Field at Fort Bragg, near Fayetteville, was here this week seeking to trace a car which was sold for storage when he left it in an alley here for several months and Patrolman Tom Brown failed to get in touch with him through relatives.

There are two fuses in the gym of the Plymouth High School here now as the result of the generosity of three men. W. H. Clark contributed the bulk, H. H. McLean some of the money, and Chief of Police P. W. Brown arranged to get the \$40 needed for the extra fuse. This will make possible a much more comfortable building for those attending athletic events there.

Mr. Gaskins, president of the Washington Lions Club, and Mrs. Gaskins expressed their agreeable surprise at finding such a large and handsome country club building here, where they attended the banquet of the Lions Club last Thursday night.

A veteran of the World War himself, City Clerk M. W. Spruill has asked his belief that there should be a discipline for children when they reach the ninth grade that should continue until they have finished high school.

\$319,771 Loaned by Credit Association

Creswell.—The Washington Production Credit Association has made loans totalling \$319,771, the members now own capital stock amounting to \$19,315, and the association has built up a reserve of \$10,783. It was learned this week from Hoyt R. Davenport, a member of the board of directors representing Washington County.

The farmers' cooperative short-term credit association serves Beaufort, Martin, Washington, Tyrrell and Hyde Counties, with headquarters in Washington, N. C., and during certain seasons representatives come to Plymouth to work with clients.

J. B. Patrick, of Beaufort, is president and E. L. Greene, of Washington, N. C., is secretary, treasurer and manager. Net earnings for the organization last year were \$2,865.64.

A number of farmers in this county have been served by this organization each year, and it is expected that there will be a heavy demand for credit made on the association by county farmers during 1939.

Former Resident Wins Auto in Prize Contest

Mrs. C. W. Tyree, of Raleigh, formerly Miss Athalia Gardner, of Plymouth, and sister to Misses Mary and Olga Gardner here, was notified Monday night that she was the winner of a 1939 Chevrolet Master town sedan in a cigar contest.

Over a period of years, Mrs. Tyree has won a number of prizes in various contests, but the car she won this week is by far the largest and most valuable prize she ever won.

Christian Ministers Attend Retreat Near Washington

Christian ministers in Washington County, including the Rev. N. A. Taylor, Plymouth; Rev. M. L. Ambrose, Roper; and Rev. L. B. Bennett, of Creswell, were invited to attend the ministers' retreat at Bayview, near Washington, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

Ministers from the county who attended were among about 75 others from various churches in the state, who gathered there for the annual discussion of church matters.

Rev. P. B. Nickens To Preach At Chapel Hill Schoolhouse

The Rev. P. B. Nickens, pastor of the Plymouth Baptist church, will preach Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the Chapel Hill schoolhouse. Those residing in that section are urged to attend.

May Work Out Plan To Pay Firemen for Services

Mayor B. G. Campbell and Clerk M. W. Spruill were asked by the Town Council, in session here Monday night, to determine whether or not the firemen and fire equipment were covered by insurance when answering calls outside of the town limits.

Whether the firemen and equipment are covered by insurance or not, Chief L. W. Gurkin and his volunteers crew of "smoke eaters" stand ready to answer the alarm no matter in what vicinity of Plymouth the call may come from, according to the fire chief.

The councilmen also asked Chief of Police P. W. Brown and Fire Chief

L. W. Gurkin to work out some plan for compensation for firemen who attend fires. At the present time they get only their town poll tax exemption for their services.

City Attorney Z. V. Norman and Chief P. W. Brown were asked to find a purchaser for the vacant lots on Jefferson Street, owned by Mrs. Griffin Norman, on which about \$900 in tax assessments are due the town. Very little else was done by the councilmen, although they discussed the advisability of seeking legislation to increase the town limits so as to take in territory that is enjoying the benefits of the town's official services without paying any taxes for them.

Permit Nets Between Two Sound Bridges

MEANEST PERSON

The full wrath of John Swinson, oil distributor, and Albert Broughton, filling station operator, is upon the "low-down, white-livered" sneak thief who made away with a "March of Dimes" coin can, which was placed on their counter to receive contributions for the prevention and treatment of infantile paralysis in connection with the recent campaign headed by President Roosevelt.

It was not the amount of money—estimated at probably 80 cents—that counted so much, according to Mr. Swinson, but the absolute lack of principle or spark of human sympathy on the part of a thief who would steal pennies collected to relieve the suffering of innocent children whose bodies are distorted by the dread disease.

It will probably be just as well if Messrs. Swinson and Broughton never run across this particular thief.

County Land Owned By Richmond Firm Involved in Transfer

Conveyance Involving Nearly \$2,000,000 in Mortgage Bonds Recorded

Under the terms of a plan of reorganization approved by the Eastern District Federal Court of Virginia, the Chase National Bank of New York, as successor trustee to the Equitable Insurance Company, has conveyed to the Richmond Cedar Works old mortgage bonds of \$1,915,900 on certain lands in Washington and other counties in North Carolina and Virginia, according to records in the office of Mrs. Mary S. Cahoon, register of deeds.

The conveyance was made by the bank to secure an issue of first mortgage 6 1/2 per cent sinking fund bonds issued by the Richmond Cedar Works in order to take care of indebtedness and to provide additional capital for the operation of its plants, headquarters for which are located in Richmond.

The Richmond Cedar Works was reorganized on March 15, 1938, but the Chase City National Bank became successor trustee for the Equitable Insurance Company on January 1, 1925, and evidently the trustee held bonds which constituted a mortgage against the real estate holdings of the Richmond firm.

The Richmond Cedar Works was once a leading lumber organization in this section. It now has a small sawmill over in Hyde County close to the Tyrrell line and owns hundreds of acres of woodland in Washington County.

Missionary Society To Serve Supper Saturday

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Christian Church will serve a supper Saturday night in the church annex from 5 to 8 o'clock.

Valentine Dance Friday Night at Country Club

A Valentine dance will be held at the Plymouth Country Club Friday night, according to an announcement by Dr. A. Papineau, chairman of the entertainment committee, who said that although this is a costume dance, it is optional with the members as to whether they wish to attend in costume or not.

H. H. McLean To Head C. M. T. C. Campaign

Notice has been received by H. H. McLean, superintendent of public instruction, of his appointment as county representative of the Civilian Military Training Camps campaign, which begins March 15. "Just as soon as I receive the literature, I will give you more information about the camps," Mr. McLean said.

Ruling Against Nets In Area Revoked by Conservation Board

Fishermen's Claims of Discrimination in Favor of Croatan Sound Upheld

Gill net fishermen have been granted permission by the State Board of Conservation and Development to place their nets in the Albemarle Sound between the Norfolk Southern railroad bridge and the new vehicular span, it was learned today from W. R. Hampton, a member of the state board.

Having been advised by experts that the area between the two bridges was local spawning grounds for shad, the Board of Conservation and Development made a ruling about 18 months ago prohibiting fishing in that particular part of the sound on the theory that protection of the spawning grounds would eventually mean an increase in the shad supply.

However the ruling was temporarily revoked last season by the board because of the protests of fishermen who had considerable sums of money invested in nets, and the area was heavily fished. This year many of the fishermen purchased additional nets, claiming that it is no more harmful to the supply to catch fish after they reach the spawning area than it is before the fish reach it. They argued that if the ruling was to be made indiscriminately, it should also be applied to Croatan Sound, where most of the shad are caught.

Some of the fishermen here in Washington County are still claiming that various types of wood mills on the Roanoke River have polluted the water to such an extent that shad no longer spawn in the south area between the bridges. A thorough study of the situation as it relates to claims of pollution by fish waste is now underway by officials of the state department as well as the Federal Bureau of Fisheries. From the investigation something dependable and tangible will be forthcoming very shortly, according to Mr. Hampton.

Observe Birthday Scout Movement

The Scouts should try to "shine" this week, according to Scoutmaster N. A. Taylor, as on Wednesday the Scout organization celebrated its 29th anniversary.

As part of the observance of Boy Scout Week, Z. V. Norman, Jr., and Charlie Bratten have illustrations of the Scout law drawn on posters that are being displayed in the windows of business houses here.

Troop No. 84 attended the Christian Church service Sunday in a body, and the pastor, Scoutmaster Taylor preached on "A Boy Spread a Banquet," using as his theme: "There is a lad here with five loaves and two fishes."

J. W. Norman Returns From Trip To Furniture Market

"It seems that they had the prettiest furniture at the market this year I have ever seen," said James W. Normna, of the Norman Furniture Company, who spent three days last week attending the annual furniture show in High Point.

"Each year you think they have about reached the climax in designs, convenience, and beauty of furniture, but the following year there is apparently something even better awaiting you," according to Mr. Norman.

Creswell Parents-Teachers To Meet Next Wednesday

Creswell.—The February meeting of the Creswell Parent-Teacher Association will be held at the M. P. church Wednesday evening, February 15, at 7:30.

This meeting has been postponed several times, but it is known now that the meeting will definitely be held on this date, and the patrons of the schools are urged to attend by the P.-T. A. officials.

Few Shad Being Caught in Lower Part of County

Like other business ventures, fishing is more or less of a gamble, according to Cody Spruill, fisherman from down the county, who was in Plymouth Monday disposing of an early catch of eight shad and one rock, which he took from his nets near Laurel Point light-house in Albemarle Sound. The season is a little early yet, and only small catches are being reported, but with operations getting underway on a large scale, there should be plenty of fresh shad and rock on the markets in this section for the next couple of months.

Commenting on the uncertainty of fishing, Mr. Spruill said that he had lost many hundreds of dollars worth of nets and other fishing equipment during his many years of fishing in the Albemarle Sound and adjacent waters, due to the severe storms. Moreover, he says, when a fisherman takes his skiff and starts to his nets, he is never certain that he will return, as the same storms, which spring up suddenly, toss a small boat about severely, and the Albemarle gets plenty rough at times from the sudden squalls.

However, he continues to make the rounds of his nets, sometimes getting a good haul and at others not enough to pay for the trouble of going to them.

May Have Specialist Test Cattle in County For Bang's Disease

Commissioners Plan Investigation of Need; Estimated 3,000 Head in County

Visited by a delegation of cattle producers requesting that efforts be made to prevent the spread of Bang's Disease in cattle, the Washington County Commissioners in session Monday decided to investigate the need of Federal specialist to examine the cattle in an effort to prevent the spread of this dread disease as a few cattle are already affected.

It is estimated that there are over 3,000 head of cattle in this county, although census figures show only about 1,700, and the cost to the county for a Federal specialist to test all the cattle would be only about \$300, according to Dr. J. W. Wood, veterinarian of this section.

The salary of the specialist would be paid by the government, but the salary of a man to assist him would have to be borne by the county.

Another reason testing and elimination of diseased cattle is needed is because there can be little commerce or breeding between cattle in this untested cattle area and those in sections which have tested cattle.

3 Cases in County Court This Week

Prayer for judgment was continued in the case of E. Linwood Sawyer, 27, white, in recorder's court Tuesday, when White was found guilty of abandoning his wife and child and then failing to provide for them.

A nol pros with leave was taken in the case of Ben Moore, colored, who was charged with destroying and defacing the house in which he lived and which was owned by J. M. Horton.

Judgment in the case of Clarence Everett Holly, colored, was continued until February 21. Holly was charged with being the father of the illegitimate child of Martha Chance and then failing to provide for the child.

Creswell Home Economics Department Highly Praised

Creswell.—Miss Virginia Ward, assistant superintendent in the home economics division of the N. C. department of vocational training, inspected the home economics department of the Creswell school recently and was loud in her praise of the work conducted here under the direction of Miss Virginia Phelps.

Miss Ward expressed the opinion that the excellent work being done would be even better when the department is moved into the new school building here.

Bears Destroying Farm Property Are Outlawed

Under certain conditions, bears have been outlawed in Washington County and may be killed at any season by farmers whose livestock or crops are molested by the animals, according to a ruling recently by the State Department of Conservation and Development, made at the request of Representative W. M. Darden.

Hope to Begin Use of New Creswell School by 22nd

Indications are now that the children down the county may celebrate George Washington's Birthday in their new \$82,000 school building, according to H. H. McLean, county superintendent of public instruction, who with three others, was in the Nation's Capital this week conferring with PWA officials about the delay.

As Mr. McLean explained it, every requirement of the PWA has been met, but about \$9,800 of the \$22,180 grant made toward construction of the new school has been held up, although correspondence for the release of the funds has been carried on since October.

While in Washington, D. C., Mr. McLean, C. N. Davenport, Jr., chairman of the county board of education; E. J. Spruill, county auditor; and former county commissioner Clyde Smithson, conferred with Col. E. W. Clark, assistant administrator, who told them that he thought the matter could be concluded and the money released in about two weeks.

Congressman Lindsay Warren helped the school officials to arrange the appointment with the PWA official; and the conference is expected to make it possible in a few days for the children to be using their new building.

Lions Review Work at Meet Last Thursday

Second Anniversary And Ladies' Night Program Presented

District Governor Lano and Raleigh Editor Principal Speakers at Event

A review of the accomplishments of the club was the subject of the short talk made by District Governor Charles A. Lano, of Sanford, and Neil Hester, telegraph editor of the News and Observer, kept the 70 persons merry with his quips, puns and humorous satire at the second anniversary program of the Lions Club last Thursday night at the Plymouth Country Club.

District Governor Lano told the club that through the reports of the secretary he had been in close touch with the local club and had been informed before the meeting of the long list of club achievements, some of which were cited on the back of the programs.

Prominent among the 24 achievements listed were Lions welcome signs placed at highway entrances to Plymouth; aid rendered local high school band; girl sent to NYA camp; glasses provided for eight children; organized home building and loan; made donations to various local enterprises; made R. H. Lucas honorary member; sought improved roads to Windsor and Wenona; aided Boy Scouts in making census of the town; met with merchants to provide better trade arrangements; and so on.

Mr. Hester, a past president of the Raleigh Lions Club, was introduced by District Governor Lano when the latter concluded his remarks, and the Raleigh editor then proceeded to "take off" on Governor Hoey, making in short address in the manner of the state's chief executive and adding a number of witticisms to keep the diners in merriment throughout the course of his remarks.

In addition to local Lions and their ladies guests included President and Mrs. D. V. Clayton, of the Williamston Club, with four others; President and Mrs. Gaskins, of the Washington Club, and two others; President and Mrs. W. S. Privott and five others, of Edenton; with several guests for the local club.

Former Senator Carl L. Bailey was also on the program, and as he was well known by Mr. Hester, the latter made the former state legislator the target of a number of his witticisms. Zeb Vance Norman welcomed the guests, with President W. L. Whitley presiding. R. H. Lucas made the invocation.

New Beer Parlor and Pool Room To Open Saturday

Charles Dunn, of Ayden, is opening a beer parlor and billiard hall on Water Street in the building adjoining the office of W. R. Hampton this week. New equipment is being installed throughout the place.

Employed by Mr. Dunn will be Lem Daw, also of Ayden, and the two of them are making every effort to have the place ready for opening by Saturday. There will be new tables, cues, balls, and new equipment for the sale of beer, cigars, candy, and other merchandise. A \$5 cash prize is offered to the person who suggests the best name for the place, in the opinion of the judges.

ONE FOR RIPLEY

Ben A. Sumner, hat salesman and golfer extraordinary, Wednesday afternoon collected an oddity that should go down in the books or to Ripley or something. Playing the 434-yard par-4 fifth hole at the country club course here, he collected a "birdie," although he required 5 strokes. The "birdie" was a full-grown quail, which got in front of Mr. Sumner's second shot, and Ben had quail on toast for his evening meal as the result.

Playing with W. T. Stillman and Don G. Davis, Mr. Sumner hit his second shot with a spoon and noticed that the ball, apparently headed for the rough near the green, stopped suddenly at the edge of the fairway. The threesome came on up and found the ball with the quail fluttering on the ground near-by with a broken wing.

Cost Per Inmate In County Home Here is Below State Average

Average Cost Per Month for Each Person Totals Only \$14.08

It cost \$2.11 less in Washington County to take care of an inmate in the county home a month, than is the average for the entire state, according to L. L. Basnight, keeper, who had statistics compiled by the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare to prove his assertions.

The average cost per month for maintenance of a county home inmate in the entire state is \$17.11 while for Washington county it costs only \$14.08 a month. The annual cost per person is figured at \$168.96 in this county.

An average population for the county home during last year was 30. This has dwindled some but to no extent. All except two or three had rather stay in this steam-heated building where they are well taken care of, than to leave the county home on allotment from Old Age Assistance of the Social Security.

The property value of the home is given as \$12,000 but it is believed by many that this is a very conservative valuation for the present structure. Major improvements to property are not considered in calculating the per person maintenance costs.

Arrest Three With 10 Gallons Liquor

There are three hooks on the screen door of the home of Sandy Williams, and every time officers raised the place for illicit whiskey the handle of the door would pull out before the hooks would give way, and in the meantime Sandy was alleged to have been destroying the evidence before the officers could get to it.

However, Tuesday night Sandy Williams, along with Dolly Williams, a woman with them reported not to be Sandy's wife, and Herbert Spruill, all colored, were arrested with about 10 gallons of liquor in a car in which they were riding, by Officers L. L. and Paul Basnight.

The case is set for trial next Tuesday in recorder's court. Sandy contended to the officers that the whiskey belonged to Dolly.

Roper Town Team Defeats Plymouth

Roper.—With Coach John Weaver shooting 9 points for Plymouth and Mack Marrow 13 for Roper, the Roper Town Team defeated the Plymouth Town Team, 23 to 20, last Thursday night here.

Playing for Plymouth were Sam Trkula, Eddie McNair, Bob Davenport, John Weaver, Grayson Everett, Eugene Basnight, Joe Leggett and Fred Ennis, while for Roper the following worked: Charles Floyd, J. Assunc, Carl Bray, Mack Marrow, Joe Nowarah, R. Cheson, W. Ainsley, H. Curles and Lugene Watson.

Provide \$50 Tax for Horse-Mule Dealers From Out of County

County Commissioners Pass Regulation at Meeting Here Monday

Horse and mule dealers from out of the county must pay a tax of \$50 if they come into Washington County to sell or trade livestock, according to a regulation passed by the county commissioners in session here Monday.

Several routine matters were disposed of at the regular monthly meeting of the board, and other county problems were informally discussed by the commissioners.

L. L. Basnight, superintendent of the county home, was asked to assign Jimmy Cahoon the task of building a cabinet and shelving for books, ballot boxes, and documents in the office of Clerk of Court C. V. W. Ausbon.

The county commissioners agreed to provide stamps, stationery and telephone for a juvenile case worker for child welfare if the State and Federal governments would pay the salary of such a worker.

It was decided to ask the State Highway and Public Works Commission to drag and grade a road from Highway No. 64 by John Ransome's house to highway No. 97.

Tom Furlough, Roy Stillman, and J. E. Phelps were appointed as a commission to investigate the slaying of W. W. Mizelle's sheep by dogs. Twenty-five dollars were contributed to the Creswell High School for band uniforms.

To Curb Sale Stolen Goods by Requiring Record of Reselling

Bill Introduced by Representative Darden Also Levies \$10 License Tax

A bill was introduced in the House of Representatives at Raleigh this week by Representative W. M. Darden seeking legislative restrictions on the purchase of livestock, poultry and cured meats by hucksters or any other such dealers who might operate in the county.

The bill provides for the levy of a \$10 license tax for resale of livestock, poultry and cured meats in Washington County, and it also requires the licensees to keep an accurate record of all sales, including name of the seller, address, amount purchased and hour of the purchase. It does not apply to the sale of products raised on his own farm by a producer.

It is understood here that the law is sought in an effort to curb the sale of products stolen from farmers to hucksters and other dealers at low prices. Numbers of farmers have complained to Mr. Darden that they have been the victims of thieves, who carry the stolen chickens, hogs, cattle and cured meats to these traveling hucksters or dealers and dispose of them for almost nothing, making it difficult for the real owners and law officers to find any trace of the stolen goods.

Representative Darden also introduced a bill this week authorizing the appointment of a constable for Plymouth Township.

Eastern Star Chapter Here Nearly Formed

Organization of a local chapter of the Eastern Star, the woman's auxiliary of the Masonic fraternity, is expected to be completed very soon, it was learned this week from Mrs. R. E. Dunning and Mrs. D. R. Satterthwaite, the committee in charge of the work here. They have secured applications from nearly 30 people, and only 25 are required for the issuance of the charter.

Mrs. Satterthwaite and Mrs. Dunning said that those who wished to become charter members should see them at once. It was explained that no balloting was required on charter members and their initiation is much less rigid than for those who join the organization afterwards. Also the initiation fee is only \$5 for those who become charter members.

The committee expects to have the organization work completed within the next two or three weeks.

Scout Funds Being Raised in County

Two hundred slotted cans have been placed in public places in Washington County as receptacles for contributions being made on the \$300 fund, which is being raised to continue the affiliation of the Scouts in the county with the Eastern Carolina Council of Boy Scouts, it was reported today by District Chairman A. Papineau.

Active in the distribution of the cans was Cubmaster Tom Brown, of Plymouth, who put the receptacles in nearly every store and public place in the county.

It was also reported that Dr. Maynard Fletcher, of Washington, will speak at a father-and-son banquet being arranged for Scouts, Cubs, and Scouters over the county on February 22.